25th March 1929]

## Local Boards

*Lease of steamer 'Nell.'*

* 1846 Q.—Mr. J. BHEEMAYYA: With reference to the appendix to the answer to question No. 483 answered on 23rd March 1927, will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government will be pleased to call for the information from the District Board, West Godavari, regarding the steps they have taken to ensure the safety of the lives of the passengers of the steamer 'Nell,' the boiler of which was reported to have been unfit for use in paragraph 5 of the letter R.C. No. 560, dated 4th May 1926, from the District Board President, and lay it on the table of the House;

(b) whether the Government will be pleased to ascertain from the District Board how many persons offered to pay large sums to the District Board for granting them the lease of the steamer 'Nell' before and after it passed its resolution No. 450, dated 25th September 1925, who and how much, and lay that information on the table of the House; and

(c) why paragraphs 6 and 7 of the letter from the President, District Board, Kistna, R.C. No. 560/Pet. D.B. of 1925, dated 4th May 1926, were omitted and whether they also will be placed on the table of the House?

A.—(a) The boiler is reported to be in good condition and to have been inspected every year by the Inspector of Steam Boilers and Prime Movers, Madras.

(b) The following persons offered the amounts noted against them:—

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| Achanta Venkata Narasimham of Achanta ... ... ... ... | 3,000 | per year. |
| Racherla Venkata Krishna Rao of Kovvur ... ... ... ... | 3,600 to 4,000 | " |
| Atkuri Satya Raja Gopalam of Narsapur ... ... ... ... | 2,400 | " |
| Alluri Suryanarayanaraju and Datla Ramaraju of Chintalapalli, Razole taluk ... ... ... ... | 2,550 | " |
| Racharnalla Suryaprakasa Rao and Chodisetty Venkataratnam of East Godavari district ... ... ... | 4,000 to 5,000 | " |

(c) The paragraphs were omitted as they were not relevant and the Government see no necessity to place them now on the table.

*Number of polling stations in the Bellary and Adoni Taluk Boards.*

* 1847 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of villages or the area for which according to the instructions, if any, of the Government there should be at least one polling station for the election of members to (i) Legislative Council; (ii) Taluk Board; and (iii) Temple Committees; and